

As a follow up to discussion at the November 12 HSC meeting, Air Resources Board staff is providing additional information regarding the above:

1. The ARB has contracted with the California Maritime Academy (CMA) to investigate the root causes of recent vessel loss of propulsion incidents and other operational difficulties. As part of the contract, the CMA will be contacting the USCG, engine manufactures, and the shipping lines. Please let ARB staff know if there are certain ship operators that would be especially helpful for the CMA to contact. You can contact any of the ARB staff below.

2. Also, the ARB will conduct a public meeting (Maritime Technical Working Group), likely in January, to discuss operational experiences associated with the implementation of the Ship Low Sulfur Fuel Rule. The meeting is expected to include presentations by representatives from the engine manufacturers, marine engineering firms, the USCG and the CMA will present their findings to date. ARB staff will be sending the notice for the public meeting, which will be forwarded to me as HSC Chair - which I will then disseminate to this HSC email list. ARB staff suggests that HSC members can stay informed about all marine related issues by signing up on the ARB's email list serve:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=maritime

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